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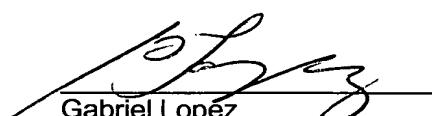
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Applicant hereby appeals to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences from the Office Action dated September 23, 2003 finally rejecting claims 22-31.

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